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RAID AFTERMATH : Israeli staff officers look over their plans for Tuesday night's raid on the Lebanese coast at their offices in Tel Aviv Wednesday. Israeli gunners began shelling Tyre later in the day.

Bombs rock Tel Aviv

Israeli gunners pound Tyre

SIDON, Aug. 15 (Agencies) — The cycle of violence in Southern Lebanon intensified Wednesday. Witnesses said Israeli border gunners were shelling the port city of Tyre, and Israel radio reported two bombings in the Jewish state.

Telephone operators in Tyre said the border gunners were shelling Tyre and the adjacent hamlets of Ras el Ain and Borgholim.

"Shells have just fallen in the fishermen's quarter (in Tyre)," a Sidon operator quoted his Tyre counterpart as saying. "People are scrambling into their basements for shelter. Others are fleeing to Sidon."

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gunboats and border gunners were shelling the area.

A communiqué from the combined Nationalist Lebanese and Palestinian forces in Southern Lebanon said two vehicles had been hit by shells from Israeli gunboats in the area.

The Israeli army in Tel Aviv said its raiders attacked near the coastal town of Adlun, about 15 kilometers north of Tyre.

In a related development, the Palestinian command reported that two bomb attacks "carried out by internal forces" rocked Tel Aviv Wednesday morning, a few hours after the Adlun raid.

"Our revolutionaries blew up

the central military station north of Tel Aviv this morning, killing

and wounding at least seven of the enemy's army personnel, one of them an officer," the command said in a communiqué issued in Damascus, and distributed in Beirut.

It also said that three Israeli vehicles were damaged in the explosion.

Another communiqué reported a second explosion at the Kfar Saya municipality, northeast of Tel Aviv, "killing and wounding an unknown number of persons."

Last Sunday the command movement claimed responsibility for a bombing in a town 30 miles south of Tel Aviv.

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NEW DELHI, Aug. 15 (AP) —

India accuses Pakistan of building nuclear bomb

Prime Minister Charan Singh on Wednesday accused Pakistan of trying to make the atomic bomb and warned that if it continues India will reconsider its policy renouncing nuclear weapons.

If Pakistan continues in its efforts to make the bomb, and continues to collect material for it, we shall have to reconsider our earlier view," Singh told a cheering independence day rally.

Pakistan has steadily denied that it is using nuclear power for anything other than peaceful purposes, a denial repeated again this week by a senior government minister.

The Pakistani government has said its nuclear program is devoted to producing energy, and it has said it will not start an arms race on the Indian subcontinent.

Singh became India's fifth prime minister last month.

Speaking from the ramparts of the 300-year-old Red Fort, built by Mogul conquerors who preceded the British rule of India, Singh said: Pakistan's nuclear program

"poses a danger to India's peace and security. The bomb is aimed against us."

"We know they are making it," the 76-year-old prime minister said in a 27-minute speech, his first statement on nuclear policy as prime minister.

Singh's predecessor, Morarji Desai, had pledged that India would use atomic energy for peaceful purposes and would neither make nor possess nuclear weapons.

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An official spokesman said

Tuesday that news of the cancella-

tion was conveyed to the Afghan

ambassador in Islamabad who was summoned to the Foreign Office Monday.

Pakistan Monday accused the

Afghan authorities of kidnapping and harassing its diplomats in Kabul.

The Pakistani adviser, Agha Shahi, was due to leave for the Afghan capital next Monday for a second round of talks aimed at preparing for a summit of the two neighboring countries to ease tension in their relations.

The tension followed a military

coup which installed the present pro-Communist Afghan govern-

ment of President Nur Muhammad Taraki in April last year. More than 140,000 Afghan

refugees have crossed over to

Pakistan since Muslim tribesmen took up arms against the Kahru government.

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spokesman said that recent Afghani government actions had clearly suggested that it was not seriously interested in a dialogue with Pakistan.

U.S. sailor charged with spying

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (AP) — A U.S. navy enlisted man was

charged by a federal grand jury Tuesday with espionage and theft of top secret government documents on the international movement of drugs.

The grand jury indictment means the panel of citizens believes the case should go to a full trial.

In an affidavit with a federal court in nearby Alexandria, Virginia, FBI agents said they began investigating the case after being contacted by Richard Noble.

According to the FBI affidavit:

Noble told the FBI he had met Madsen, who offered to sell

government documents indicating the location of U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency personnel and reports on the international movement of drugs.

W. Sahara pullout completed

RABAT, Aug. 15 (R) — Mauritania was to complete its withdrawal from a desolate desert area Wednesday, leaving Morocco in battle for control of the Western Sahara against the Polisario guerrilla movement.

The guerrillas, who want independence for the whole territory, have vowed to carry the war deep into Morocco as well as in the Western Sahara where fighting is in its fourth year.

In the fiercest fighting so far, a total of more than 500 guerrillas and Moroccan troops were killed during a six-hour desert battle at the weekend, according to a government communiqué in Rabat.

The escalation follows Mauritania's decision to withdraw from Tiris el Gharbia, the southernmost sector of the disputed territory.

Tiris el Gharbia, now renamed by Morocco as Oued Adidah, is mainly featureless desert with no known economic resources. It covers about 90,000 square kilometers and has an estimated population of nearly 20,000 people, mostly nomads.

King Hassan II of Morocco formally declared the area a Moroccan province at a ceremony Tuesday when he accepted allegiance from tribal leaders of the region who were flown to Rabat.

Mauritania abandoned its claim to the southern third of the territory after signing a peace treaty with the Polisario guerrillas 11 days ago. The Western Sahara was ceded by Spain to Morocco and Mauritania in 1975.

The Mauritanian decision left Morocco to bear alone the full brunt of the Algerian-backed Polisario Front's battle for independence.

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Afghanistan has claimed that the Pakistani official had sought political asylum.

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Syrians said getting new Soviet tanks

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (AP) — The Soviet Union has sent Syria some of its new T-72 tanks, rated by U.S

Eventual home in Kingdom

Mobile Islamic exhibition to be organized

By Anne Whitehouse
London Bureau

LONDON, Aug. 15 — Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal and various Islamic organizations and societies are to sponsor an exhibi-

tion of Islam, which will be displayed around the world for five years before being permanently sited in Saudi Arabia.

The exhibition, one of the world's largest mobile exhibitions, will display features of past and

present Islamic civilizations. It will include examples of Islamic art and science, Islamic towns, mosques, pilgrimage and trade.

The plan, to cost £ 30 million, is expected to be approved shortly.

The organizer of the exhibition, the Islamic Environmental Research Council, says that the final negotiations for the project will be completed shortly.

The IERC helped organize the World of Islam Festival in Britain in 1976.

After its dedication in 1982, the exhibition will be moved first to Paris. Then it will go to New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Tokyo and Jeddah. It will be permanently sited in Saudi Arabia.

Consultants, architects and exhibition designers have been working side by side with ulema

and researchers for more than two years to decide the contents of the exhibition and make preparations.

The exhibits will be housed in a huge balloon.

The temperature inside can be controlled.

Islamic art will also be displayed, films showing some aspects of Muslim life and cultures will be shown, as will a completed mosque and model of Dome of the Rock mosque in Jerusalem.



Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal

Eritreans vow to strike inside Ethiopia territory

DAMASCUS, Aug. 15 (R) — An Eritrean guerrilla leader has threatened to strike targets deep inside Ethiopia if government forces continued pushing for a military solution to the conflict in Eritrea, theater of Africa's longest war.

"If the Ethiopians continue their military campaign in Eritrea, we will carry out operations deep inside Ethiopia," Abdulla Idris, military chief of the Eritrean Liberation Front-Revolutionary Council (ELF-RC) said in an interview with Reuters.

"We will hit targets in Ethiopian cities, including Addis Ababa," he said.

The ELF-RC is one of the two major organizations fighting for the independence of Eritrea, strategic province of crucial importance to the balance of power in the Horn of Africa. Eritrea has a 1,000-kilometer (600

miles) coastline with the Red Sea. Carrying the war into Ethiopia would be a major turning point in the guerrillas' 18-year fight for independence from Ethiopia. So far, the guerrillas have preferred to meet Ethiopia's troops on Eritrean ground.

The Soviet-backed military rulers in Addis Ababa last year launched a massive offensive which drove the secessionists out of a string of Eritrean cities and back into the wild mountains and rolling, sun-scorched savannahs of the province.

Idris said the guerrillas had staged a number of operations south of the Eritrean border last year, when they hit Ethiopian supply and communications lines in the province of Tigre.

Just south of the border, Tigre has a secessionist movement of its own, the Tigre People's Liberation Front (TPLF). The guerrillas

chief said attacks on Ethiopian targets in the province had been staged in cooperation with the TPLF.

But the Eritreans had not so far moved against targets in any of the 14 provinces of a former empire of disparate ethnic and linguistic groups.

The young left-wing officers who toppled emperor Haile Selassie in 1974 adopted his policy of trying to crush the Eritrean rebels, fearful that the secession of the province would prompt the collapse of the vast country.

Western military experts said that a campaign of hit-and-run attacks by the well-trained, highly-organized Eritreans could cause considerable problems to the military rulers in Addis Ababa, already plagued by food shortages.

Ethiopia has asked for international help to fight famine in the provinces of Wollo, Gojam, Shewa and the country's economy is severely sapped by the high cost of fighting the war in Eritrea.

"You can't stop a famine by decree," Idris said. "And you can't solve economic problems by slogans. This war is costly to the people of Ethiopia as well as to Eritrea."

ELF-RC Chairman has reportedly offered direct negotiations to Addis Ababa, saying continued war was counter-productive.

Idris said that the guerrillas had cut supply routes to all major garrisons in Eritrea. "They are all being supplied by air, with Antonov transport aircraft covered by MiG-fighters."

He said heavy fighting was continuing around the northern city of Nakfa, where the Ethiopians were trying to reopen a supply route from the Red Sea.

They were confronted by fighters of the ELF-RC as well as the other major guerrilla group, the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF). "The organizations are fighting under a joint command," Idris said.

Often at odds and locked in bloody disputes in the past, the ELF and the EPLF earlier last March decided to pool their resources and reorganize their forces.



INJURED : Young demonstrator, injured in bloody clashes Sunday between Muslim guards and protesters against alleged censorship and suppression of Iranian newspapers, is carried into a clinic.

Afghan rebels kill 30 Russians

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 15 (R) — Up to 30 Soviet civilians were killed by rioting Afghans when they visited a Muslim shrine at Kandahar city in southern Afghanistan on Sunday, guerrilla sources said Wednesday.

Four of the six main insurgent groups fighting to topple the government have agreed to join forces.

A communiqué said the new movement, formed after nearly a year of unsuccessful efforts to unite rival groups, would be called

Israel's El Al loses \$24 million

TEL AVIV, Aug. 15 (R) — Israeli airline El Al lost \$23.9 million during the 1978-1979 fiscal year, company officials said Wednesday. They said it was the first time in 12 years that the company's balance showed a deficit.

The previous fiscal year ended with a profit of \$10,000.

El Al officials said \$16.5 million of the deficit resulted from a 21-day strike which grounded the El Al fleet in 1978. Another major reason for the losses was termination of the profitable route to Tehran.

guarded compound in major cities. After the March attack dependents of Soviet officials were sent home except for families of diplomats in Kabul, Western diplomats reported earlier this month.

It links the National Liberation Front, the Jamiat Islami (Afghanistan), the Movement for the Islamic Revolution and a faction of the Hezbi Islami (Afghanistan).

All the movements are based on strict tribal and religious rules and their leaders do not appear to have much control over the insurgent fighters inside Afghanistan.

Several independent groups not associated with the main group rebels are known to be operating in central, northern and western Afghanistan.

The groups which formed the union on Saturday operate mainly in the provinces bordering Pakistan.

A rival faction of the Hezbi Islami and the Islamic Revolution Movement outside the coalition, which the communiqué said was designed to provide military coordination and a basis of unity to establish an Islamic republic in Afghanistan.

The guerrillas control an estimated 75 per cent of the countryside but have been unable to inflict a decisive blow against the government because of lack of coordination and a shortage of sophisticated weapons.

From Bangladesh Pakistanis abandon march

DACCA, Bangladesh, Aug. 15 (Agencies) — A proposed 2,000-kilometer march by stranded Pakistanis from Bangladesh across India to their homeland fizzled out Tuesday as both India and Bangladesh sealed their borders, but scattered violence by stranded Pakistanis continued.

The Bangladeshi government prevented would-be marchers from assembling in Dinajpur, about 10 kilometers from the international border and 400 kilometers from Dacca.

N.C. Pai, inspector general of the Indian Border Security Force, said there was no marchers anywhere on the 2,000-kilometer India-Bangladesh border.

Troops of both countries were out in force to prevent the march from taking place.

A mob including Pakistanis demanding repatriation burned at least two houses and some private vehicles in Karachi Tuesday, marking celebrations of Pakistan's 32nd independence day.

The arrest of the movement's leaders by Bangladeshi authorities and the increased border patrols by Indian paramilitary police seemed to have thwarted the Muslims' plans.

India's Border Security Force Deputy Director Hargobind Bhambhani told reporters no marchers had crossed the border but the increased guard would be kept up for a number of days.

The official news agency quoted officials as saying some marchers had gathered at the border town of Saidpur but later began returning to their camps and a BNS official in Dinajpur, northern Bangladesh, said about 30,000 non-Bengalis there had also dispersed.

Border forces Director-

General S.K. Tandon said Tuesday night his men were prepared to meet any eventuality. Unconfirmed reports here said the force had orders to open fire if necessary.

Tandon said after visiting the border area that police had been told to prevent the non-Bengalis from crossing under all circumstances.

Reports from across the border said the non-Bengalis had assembled at Dinajpur and Rangpur in northern Bangladesh and Khulna in the south.

Most of the marchers leaders had been arrested by Bangladeshi authorities, the reports said.

Bangladesh has assured India of its full cooperation in preventing what the Bangladeshi high commission in Calcutta called "hazardous and unwelcome march."

Iranian trade mission visits Copenhagen

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 15 (R) — Iran's Finance and Economy Minister Ali Ardalan and Vice-Minister Mohammed Ali Mohlavi arrived in Denmark Wednesday for a two-day visit.

The Iranians are to meet Danish Foreign Minister Henning Christensen, Trade Minister Arne Christiansen, and Agriculture Minister Niels Anker Koefod, a Danish official spokesman said.

The delegation comes to Denmark from Brussels, where it held Iran's first formal talks with the European Economic Community (EEC) since the fall of the Shah earlier this year.

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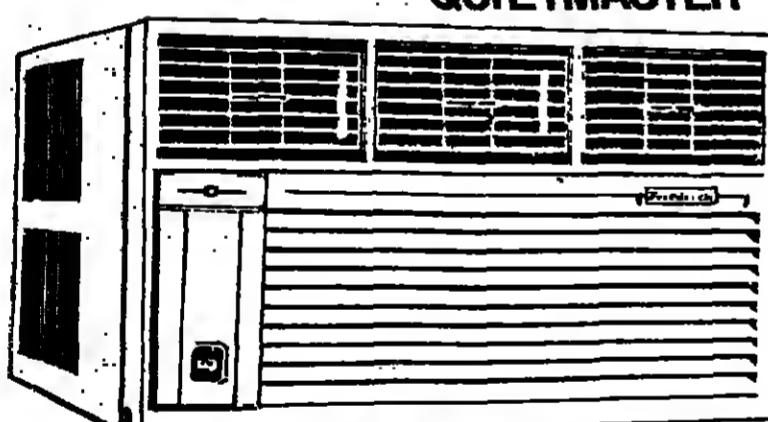
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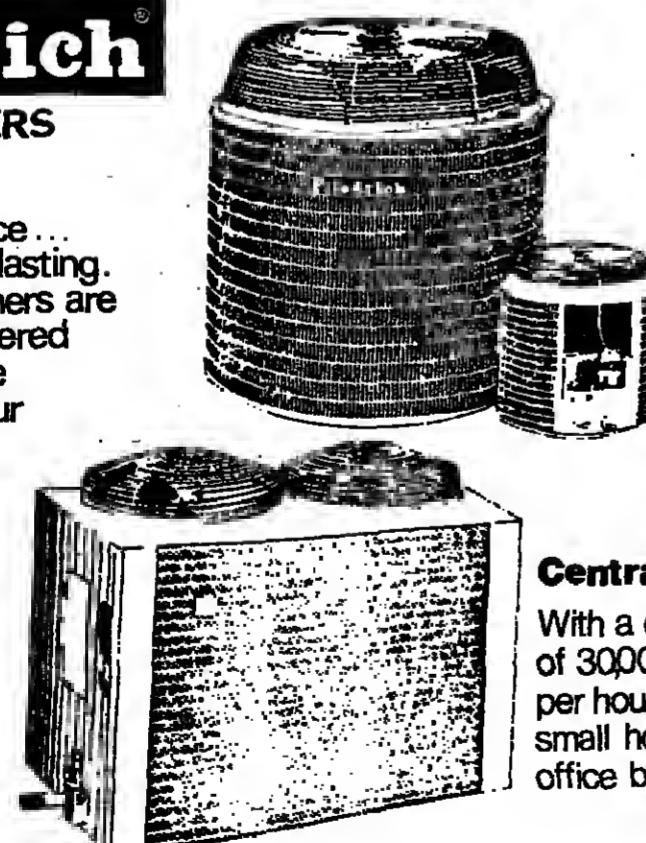


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India death toll in dam disaster could be 25,000

NEW DELHI, Aug. 15 (R) — Unofficial estimates of the possible death toll in the western Indian flood disaster ranged Wednesday between 15,000 and more than 25,000.

Agents at Bombay for insurance interests said the number dead was now expected to exceed 25,000, with colossal damage also reported.

Official figures say about 1,000

died when a towering dam burst and water rushed down on the industrial town of Morvi in Gujarat State last Saturday.

The town itself was reduced to a virtual heap of mud.

Gujarat chief Minister Babubhai Patel said the dam burst was caused by the state's heaviest rains in 10 years.

Local political leaders said the death toll could reach 15,000. Rescue workers are still digging through the mud for bodies.

Patel said a siren warning had been given the night before the dam burst.

But the warnings could not be continued later because the power failed.

State officials said 500 bodies had been recovered by Tuesday and these were being cremated according to Hindu tradition.

But a macabre dispute flared between volunteer rescue workers and police over the pace of body disposal.

The volunteers wanted to carry out swift mass cremations to prevent disease but police insisted on completing the legal procedures on each body before banding it over for disposal.

One press photographer who visited Morvi said "wherever you put your foot in the mud you strike a body."

Helicopters dropped food to people marooned by floodwaters in villages near Morvi, which had a population of 70,000.

National Executive revolt

Callaghan attacks leftist power bid

LONDON, Aug. 15 (AP) — Labor Party leader James Callaghan, prime minister until last May, Tuesday hit out at moves to give more power to his party's left wingers.

A left wing revolt against the moderate party leadership in the Commons has been developing in the party's National Executive Committee since the election defeat. The rebels, led by former Energy Minister Tony Wedgwood Benn want to strip the party lead-



WAITING IN JAPAN: A crowd of vacationers sits on Tokyo's Geno station last weekend, part of the mass exit of city dwellers every summer weekend. Trains north from Geno were filled to twice their rated capacity.

Anniversary of VJ Day

Japanese remember war dead

TOKYO, Aug. 15 (AP) — Japan observed the 34th anniversary of the end of World War II Wednesday with ceremonies and services in memory of about 3.1 million Japanese killed.

Thousands turned out at 27 major ceremonies in 22 states.

At noon a one-minute prayer of silence was observed throughout the nation while government bells sounded sirens and temple bells were tolled to honor war dead.

About 6,200 people from bereaved families gathered at the Budokan Martial Arts Gym-

nasi in Tokyo in a national ceremony sponsored by the government.

Emperor Hirohito, who was at the Tokyo ceremony with Empress Nagako, said in an address: "Every time I think of the people who fall in the war, I feel as if my heart will break. I and with all of the Japanese people mourn for their souls."

Representing the government, Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira told the audience, the biggest turnout ever in the last 17 such ceremonies, "we have to learn and digest the lessons of the last war to establish and promote world peace."

Tuesday night, about 6,000 youths of 13 religious groups gathered at a cemetery for the war dead in Tokyo to present flowers and folded paper cranes for the remains of about 307,000 unknown soldiers.

South Korea on Wednesday celebrated what is for it the 34th anniversary of its liberation from Japanese colonial rule with ceremonies and an amnesty.

Before dawn, the government paroled 43 political prisoners and 818 common criminals from 30

prisons across the country. Among them were 44 college students convicted of engaging in anti-government activities.

Many had expected more positive government steps on national day since President Carter, who visited here June 29-July 1, asked Park enhance political freedom commensurate with domestic economic progress.

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Over gas purchase rules**try East bloc said upset by Romanians again**

MOSCOW, Aug. 15 (AP) — Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, the most independent-minded leader in the Warsaw Pact, is again disrupting Communist solidarity, angering fellow East European leaders and in the process ruining tens of thousands of summer holidays.

Western observers here suspect Romania's surprise move demanding that East European tourists buy gasoline only with Western currencies caught the Soviet leadership off guard.

The observers also suspect the Soviets are most upset because Ceausescu's new dictate lends unwanted publicity to the fact that the members of the Warsaw Pact operate on a dual currency system.

For interbloc trade they rely on convertible rubles, but when they must buy something from outside they have to scrounge up scarce Western money.

Romania's hunger for Western money to pay for its oil imports from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is seen as the reason for the surprise gasoline purchase rules set in place Aug. 1.

The Romanian government announced the new rules July 26, just six days before they became effective. Few East European tourists were able to put their hands on the \$14 Romanian border guards began demanding of tourists for a trip across the country or the \$28 expected if the foreigners were planning a Romanian holiday.

Each summer thousands of East



Nicolae Ceausescu

speculation that Ceausescu is trying to play his strongest card by setting Comecon into turmoil over the treasured holiday time and pressure the Soviets to sell him oil.

Best estimates here show that Comecon members buy Soviet oil for about 60 per cent of the world market price.

That the Soviets were caught off guard by the swift Romanian policy is reflected in the official press here which has carried only one short article about the vacation

turmoil and long lines of motorists at the Romanian-Hungarian border.

The Romanians could take the rubles and buy goods and services from any other Comecon member.

But Romania, the only Comecon member that does not import Soviet oil and produces about 60 per cent of its own needs, is feeling a balance of payments squeeze because it must buy OPEC oil with dollars. Rubles and other East European currencies have no value on the world money markets.

Some observers here say there are rumors that Romania has made pitches to buy Soviet oil and been rebuffed. That leads to

Refugees reportedly face squalor in remote islands

SINGAPORE, Aug. 15 (AP) — Life in the Anambas Islands means little food, sometimes no water and the crudest of shelters for some of the Vietnamese refugees who have drifted there, says an American involved in relief work.

The refugees are relatively comfortable now, however, compared to what may happen when the monsoon season hits this year.

He says many refugees may be killed if they remain in tiny, low-lying islands during the monsoon season.

On mountainous Siaotao Island, Mooneyham said 3,500 refugees were living like "ants" in crowded conditions, with two small streams to provide water. On Berbalas Island, 1,700 refugees have no water at all, but row to another island for supplies daily.

"Many refugees suffer from malnutrition and malaria," he said, adding that the *Seasweep*'s doctors and nurses treated 316 Indonesians and refugees during their one-week visit.

"Tanjong Pinang, the administrative center is about 153 miles from the Anambas Islands. There are on deep water ports. The water is shallow, and only small wooden sampans can be used,"

Mooneyham said. "The Indonesian government lacks money and boats."

The expect the foreign ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to discuss the possibility of a conference when they meet here Thursday.

"ASEAN's members — Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines — fear another wave of refugees if Cambodia's food shortage are not eased quickly," the diplomats said.

The Malaysian foreign minister is expected to visit Hanoi in the next few weeks and he may raise the possibility of a conference with the Vietnamese, they said.

In 1970 the population of Cambodia was estimated at about seven million; it is now believed to be about four or five million because of the murders attributed to the Pol Pot regime, the current war and the exodus of refugees,

Pol Pot rebels claim victory**ASEAN Cambodia huddle seen**

they said.

Crops have been burned in the fighting between Pol Pot loyalists and the Vietnamese and Phnom Penh forces. Planting has stopped, and there is an acute shortage of food.

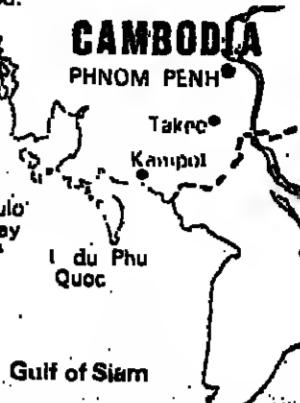
The guerrillas and Cambodians at Sombo District of Kratie Province then continued to attack Vietnamese-led forces, the broadcast monitored here said.

The broadcast said the fighting was concentrated in northeastern provinces of Retanakiri, Mondulkiri and Kratie where the Thai military believed that Pol Pot troops were attempting to cut supply routes from Vietnam.

Pol Pot forces claimed Tuesday that Vietnam had sent fresh reinforcements into several key provinces to prepare for a new major offensive. But Thai military sources said they had received no report of Vietnamese fresh reinforcement into Cambodia, although they confirmed that there was a major movement of Vietnamese forces in Cambodia.

The sources estimate that as many as two million Cambodians may starve to death in the next few months unless food is provided.

The sources indicated that the United States is not among the Western nations seeking to con-



Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja announced the surprise move Monday after the return of Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez from a Latin American tour, which included talks with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in Quito.

He said Spain would not be represented at ministerial level, but no decision had been made on who would head the delegation.

Oreja stressed that Spain's participation, for the first time in a

U.N. committee

meeting on arms

achieves little

GENEVA, Aug. 15 (R) — The 39-member United Nations Disarmament Committee Tuesday night ended its year's work after failing in the major aims of starting serious talks about reducing world arsenals of nuclear and chemical weapons.

The delegations, including four nuclear powers but not China, said exchanges of views on nuclear disarmament had been "most useful" but would need to be intensified when the panel meets here again next February.

In a report to the U.N. General Assembly, they said the urgency of an accord regarding the development, production and stockpiling of chemical weapons had been recognized.

But it had not been possible to agree on ways of approaching such a ban, nor even on the setting up of a working group.

Babies allegedly tortured by S. American regimes

SAO PAULO, Aug. 15 (AP) — A human rights group Tuesday published the names of 99 babies and children it said have disappeared because of acts of repression by military regimes in Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, and Paraguay.

Some are believed to have been tortured and murdered, but there is hope many are still alive and a search is being mounted to look for the children, the group said.

In a press conference, the cardinal of Sao Paulo, Paulo Evaristo Arns, said a three-year-old boy, Toto Landi, was one of five Argentines and two Uruguayans abducted recently in Paraguay.

Arns, who has actively defended human rights in Latin America, said he received the information in a phone call from near the Brazil-Paraguay border with a request to pass on the details to "our friends in Paraguay."

The informant, whom Arns refused to identify, claimed the seven were kidnapped by Argentine and Uruguayan police acting in Paraguay.

Rev. Jaime Wright, a Brazilian who is a member of the Committee for the Defense of Human Rights in the Southern Cone (of South America), said in an inter-

view, "This simply confirms our concern that there is a joint police effort in the Southern Cone countries."

Aside from the three-year-old Toto, his parents and three others also were seized, according to Arns. Arns said the group was being charged with trying to reorganize the Tupamaro Armed Opposition Group. He did not say where they were being charged or held.

A human rights commission, which acts under the guidance of Arns, provided the names of 99 children missing because of what it called governmental repression. It said it was publishing the details concerning the children and some of their pictures to help locate survivors.

The commission reported 21 babies and 24 adolescents were abducted with their parents. Some of the adolescents, such as 15-year-old Floreal Avellaneda, an Argentinian who was seized with her mother, were reportedly tortured. The commission revealed that a body, which appeared to be that of Floreal, was found Aug. 16, 1976, on the Uruguayan bank of the River Plate.

It also gave out a list of 54 babies born in confinement to mothers who were pregnant when kidnapped.

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THE NECESSARY MOVE

One thing is clear in all the uncertainties that surround the situation in the Middle East: It is that the ball is still firmly in America's court. The hopes which the Arabs as a whole, the Palestinians among them, have expressed for a change in America's position on the Middle East conflict have to be treated seriously. America's required move has to be within the rules of the game. There is a danger that these hopes are taken by others as signs of weakness on the Arab side, rather than proof of sincere desire for a just peace in the area and general security for the international community.

The problem is that the American administration appears not to realize the crucial responsibility placed upon its shoulders at present, a responsibility not merely towards the Arabs or peace in the area, but towards American and international interests there too. President Carter is now in a unique position to resolve the issue in the Middle East, a position no American President before enjoyed. Yet nothing comes from Washington but prevarications, contradictions, false starts.

The Arab side has given President Carter one chance after another, has been prepared to forget many a lapse, has been more than willing when internal difficulties appeared to threaten him. All to no avail.

This, as yet has caused no hardening of the Arab stance, in fact, quite the reverse. The PLO has now joined the Arab states which seek to establish friendly relations with the United States, as Yasser Arafat made clear in his recent interview with the *Washington Star*. In that interview he also declared his readiness to send a high level delegation to the United States whenever the latter wished to start negotiating.

In the recent meeting of the Palestinian Central Council there was a definite shift towards a more moderate stand, one which even the hitherto hardline organizations accepted. All this to prove the seriousness of the Palestinians about finding a solution for the Middle East crisis, and to facilitate a commensurate American shift towards a more equitable stand towards them.

Carter must be aware of the crucial role played by the Arab oil producing countries in preparing the way for an atmosphere favorable to an American-Palestinian-Arab dialogue. He must equally be aware of the embarrassing position he will be placing them in if he disappoints such hopes, and concedes to Zionist pressures currently applied on him.

As to the conditions President Carter has made for negotiating with the PLO, all that can be said about this is that they lack both rationality and justice. The demand that they should first recognize Israel and UN Resolution 242 means in effect that they would surrender all their bargaining chips before the game starts. Yasser Arafat has pointed this out when he refused to answer a question from the *Washington Star* reporter regarding recognition of Israel. He said that it would be most unfair to demand that he show his hand fully at such an early stage.

This is something the American administration understands very well. American insistence on such conditions can only mean an attempt to shift responsibility for the failure of all peace efforts onto the Arab side. It is Israel, the illegal occupying power of Arab lands, which must be pressured first to concede its misdeeds, not the blameless Palestinians. Instead, the current official trend in the United States is towards more assurances to Israel, more promises of support and declarations of friendship. All for the sake of Zionist pressure groups in the United States.

Things being now the way they are, Begin's representative to America, Yigal Yadin, can look forward to a successful visit. He can hope, after all the speculation the American administration allowed about its initiative for a truly "comprehensive settlement," for a "new page" in American-Israeli relations. He can expect America's crucial help in scuttling the proposed amendment for UN Resolution 242, due to come before the Security Council meeting on August 23rd.

Will the Arabs stand impassively in such an eventuality? Will they forego the available means of counter-pressure, the oil weapon among them? President Carter must know, with the Presidential election so near, that the weapon can play a major part in deciding his fate, unless he is ready to recognize what can no longer be denied, the right of the Palestinians to full self-determination. He must also realize that he has already lost the Jewish vote in the United States, whatever he might choose to do now.

Threats of using oil as means of pressure, the Arabs are well aware, are not to be made lightly. Yet what choice will they have left if President Carter chooses to forget his promises almost as soon as he makes them? How else can they remind him that they too, and not only the Israelis, have important cards in their hands?

A firm hand on the Fed's helm

By Hobart Rowen

WASHINGTON —

When President Richard Nixon determined in early February 1973 that the U.S. dollar had to be deviated for the second time in 14 months, he sent his then Under Secretary of Treasury, Paul A. Volcker, on a secret mission. Volcker, who had played a key role since 1969 series of gold and dollar crises, tucked his 6 ft. 7-in. frame and ever-present cigar into an Air Force plane and headed for Tokyo, then Bonn.

In the West German capital, his gangling frame almost blew his cover, when a German reporter spotted him.

Later, with the dollar deal in his pocket, Volcker telephoned the details to Treasury Secretary George Shultz. Nixon announced it Feb. 12, 1973, and a new era of fluctuating exchange rates was formally launched.

But the hopes that Volcker and others then had that the leading nations of the world could work themselves back to a greater sense of monetary stability have never been fulfilled. Primary reasons being world-wide inflation and recessions that have followed.

Now, as Volcker moves from the presidency of the New York Federal Reserve Bank (at \$11,000 a year) to the chairmanship of the entire Federal Reserve system (\$57,500 a year), he will once again have to confront a tense international monetary situation, the key element of which is a weaker dollar.

In a sense, there is a crisis of confidence in the Carter administration's erratic behavior—one that Volcker's mere appointment may do much to subdue. In fact his appointment alone was enough in itself some of the dollar's slide.

Most financial specialists agree that Volcker is uniquely qualified for the job, although one former Federal Reserve chairman frequently referred to him as "just a technician." In some ways, Volcker's promotion is the natural culmination of a career of concentration on matters of high international finance.

Robert V. Roosa, of Brown Bros. Harriman, himself once an Undersecretary for Monetary Affairs (and frequently considered for both the Fed and Treasury top roles) said recently.

"Paul must be the only man in this country, with the kind of experience he has had for over 25 years in the Federal Reserve, the Treasury, and the commercial banking system. Remember, this experience

has been at the top level—and there's nobody in the whole world of international finance that Volcker doesn't know."

Volcker is nominally a Democrat. He served not only in the Nixon administration, but as an assistant treasury secretary in the Kennedy administration. "you could call him non-political," said former Treasury official Herman Liebling.

He tends to be conservative. Thus, in the past several months, in his role as a member and vice-chairman of the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee—the top policy group of the Fed—Volcker voted in a minority against Chairman G. William Miller. Volcker wanted a somewhat tighter monetary policy to slow down inflation and protect the dollar.

Volcker's preoccupation with international monetary affairs and the recent record of his votes suggest that he may tip the Fed toward a slightly tougher monetary policy than Miller's. Moreover, since Volcker himself is likely to be replaced as president of the New York Federal Reserve Bank with an equally conservative voice, who in turn will become a member and vice-chairman of the Open Market Committee, the entire group may have a slightly more restrictive stance.

"He's not doctrinaire," said a former colleague. "Paul will do whatever is needed to do the job. But you can mark this down: Even in this recession, he's not going to lose sight of the need to keep inflation from getting a new lease on life."

The financial community expects not only a somewhat firmer line on monetary policy from Volcker than it had been getting from Miller, but a tighter-lipped chairman, more in the tradition of the past.

In the view of some, Miller talked too freely—on the record—about too many things, including some that were not strictly the preserve of the federal reserve.

That's likely to change. In his various Treasury positions, Volcker was co-operative in explaining technical issues at press conferences called for such purposes. But he was skeptical of the need to make further elaborations to newsmen or to deal in extensive "background" conferences.

To a reporter who happened to be at a small private dinner party with him just before he left the Treasury, Volcker said: "we put out all you fellows need to know in press releases. Why don't you just print them?"

Volcker will find it hard to follow that tough a public relations policy. But Miller's open door, if not slammed shut, won't be left ajar. — (WP)

HIGH-WIRE ACT



Suddenly, in Managua, to be a reporter meant something

By Stanley Meisler

MANAGUA —

In post-Somoza Nicaragua, the magic word is "periodista," Spanish for journalist.

On the day that the Sandinista rebel army overran Managua and ended the two-month-old civil war, Nicaraguans, crowded in trucks festooned with bunting in Sandinista black and red, hoisting rifles in the air, cheered whenever they spotted a car carrying the sign "periodista." Since then, a journalist, at any Sandinista roadblock, simply has to say, as if it were a password, "periodista," to obtain a deferential wave onward from a soldier. Impatient throngs, packed together in the heat at rallies, will suddenly part for any forward-moving periodista.

This kind of respect and adulration for the press is very rare, and may prove ephemeral here, but it has its logic in Nicaragua. Perhaps most important, the killings of two journalists may have played a part in the downfall of President Anastasio Somoza Debayle, who resigned July 17 and fled to Miami, and the Sandinistas have not forgotten.

The first journalist victim was Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, owner of the anti-Somoza newspaper, *La Prensa*. He was gunned down on Jan. 10, 1978. Many outsiders here think the act was too stupid to be the responsibility of Somoza himself, and that it probably was ordered by some misguided followers. The murder of Chamorro led to a general strike against Somoza and an irreparable breach between the president and the business community of Nicaragua. Chamorro's widow, Violeta, is now a member of the Sandinista-appointed regime that

governs Nicaragua.

The second victim was an American, Bill Stewart of ABC News, executed at a checkpoint in Jung by a soldier of Somoza's National Guard. The soldiers at the checkpoint evidently mistook Stewart's young Nicaraguan interpreter for a Sandinista sympathizer, and decided to kill both without trying them, arresting them or even asking questions. The killing, captured on videotape by an ABC cameraman, shocked U.S. audiences and probably contributed to a swell of anti-Somoza feelings in America.

The State Department, in fact, cited the videotape as evidence in its call on the Organization of American States to condemn Somoza. The Sandinistas are very conscious of the role of Stewart's death in the propaganda war against Somoza.

On top of this, the Sandinistas probably feel that they received a sympathetic press during their long struggle against Somoza. Many journalists, including Americans, took them seriously while Somoza tried to dismiss them as dope-addicted Communist bandits. And the excesses of Somoza in trying to repress them were carefully chronicled by the international press, to Somoza's disadvantage.

During the week that Somoza fled and the Sandinistas won the war, the *National Review* magazine published a lengthy article by Norman L. Wolfson, a former public-relations aide to Somoza, who accused the American press of an obvious bias against Somoza.

But journalists have feelings and attitudes just like anyone else, and it would not be surprising if a large number of them forecast Somoza's demise, perhaps because of the death of Stewart, perhaps

because it was so obvious that the end was near. Some journalists did not seem to mind expressing their feelings and attitudes openly, even to aides of Somoza. This does not mean that the bias necessarily showed in their stories.

Civil wars seem to breed terrifying acts of cruelty, which often are seized by propagandists in the battle for international support. But these acts cannot be ignored, no matter what the bias of the reporter. In the Spanish Civil War, a journalist did not have to be anti-Franco to report that Guernica had been bombed. In the Nigerian Civil War, a journalist did not have to be anti-federal government to report that Biafra babies were dying of malnutrition, and in the Nicaraguan Civil War, a journalist did not have to be anti-Somoza to report that he was bombing his own people.

Toward the end, the Somoza regime and its short-lived successor made some half-hearted attempt to censor the news. Maximiliano Kelly, the personal secretary of Somoza, announced a few days before the end that the National Guard had decreed that all news must be submitted to censors before being phoned to newspapers. If an objectionable story later appeared in a newspaper, Kelly said, and it was discovered that it had never been submitted to censorship, the writer would be expelled from the country.

Kelly was asked to detail what the censors would do after. He said, for example, that they would object to anyone calling the Nicaraguan Congress "a rubber-stamp congress." Asked if he could cite an incident when it had refused to pass a bill submitted by Somoza, Kelly said, "I don't want to get into

any arguments." Asked if the censors would object to stories about reports of young Nicaraguans who were tied up, blindfolded, executed by the National Guard and then dumped by Lake Managua, Kelly said, "that would be okay."

A few hours before Somoza's successor, Dr. Francisco Urcuyo, fled Nicaragua, an official of the Ministry of Information showed up at the Inter-Continental Hotel to announce that he was the new censor. He announced that only one international call could be made from the hotel at any time, and that he would monitor it. But, with more than 50 journalists at the hotel, clamoring for the telephones all at once, while others punched away at a telex machine, the task soon became formidable. The censor stood up after



North-east wall of the crater with the little caves. These sport sulfurous fumes and locals and travellers take the cure by sitting in them.

A well-defended Spa for Yemen's ailments

By Anne Chadwick

On the road south from Sanaa, just south-east of Dhamar, the chain of craggy mountains breaks and gives way to a curiously regular and well-rounded cone. The cone is truncated and in many lights looks a strange silvery white. A television antenna adds to its distinction.

All this and the mountain's smoothness is enticing. With a keen eye and a clear day, you can pick out what looks like a defensive wall on the summit.

The name of the place is Jebel Al-Lisy.

There is a graded road to the summit, rather precipitous, and an old Turkish path. The path is an easy walk, for it is paved, except where it has been washed away and even in those places there are none of the dizzying long drops so common in the Yemen highlands.

At the top, there is a defensive wall but precious little else. It is of considerable size and built from rough-cut stones. But despite the roughness of the masonry, the stones form a sheer vertical wall of four meters in height with circular bastions at regular intervals and triangular arrow and gun slits about every five meters or so. The

wall follows the contours of the summit and the plan is determined by the summit's shape, which is in fact oval.

There is little evidence of any other building except a small complex at the south end. So why such strong and ingenious fortifications? Inside there is also a large and well constructed cistern—so designed that it cleverly makes the best of the rain run-off even from without the walls. Small channels lead into it through narrow gates at the base of the wall.

Further on toward the center of the enclosure, the floor drops steeply into a deep bowl, with its sides pierced with lots of little caves with steam coming out of their portals. You are in fact standing on top of a volcano which is not quite extinct.

The locals describe the caves as hamams, or baths. They explain that the sulfurous fumes have hygienic qualities and that on public holidays people travel to the summit of Jebel Al-Lisy to sit in the little caves and take the cure. The crater is a sort of Yemeni Mariebod or Spa.

My guide would oot specify which of the numerous Yemeni ailments the treatment actually relieved. "It is good for everything," he said. There are many other caves at the base of the mountain from which sulfur was extracted for matchmaking. The industry has been in existence for many years, he said; in fact, since the Himyaritic period before Islam, or from about 115 B.C.

But the mystery remains. Why such grandiose fortifications for such a small permanent settlement? Surely those taking the cure would not fight over it.

But inside and around the walls there runs a catwalk for ease of communication in times of war and siege. And the walls encompass a large area of about two square kilometers. My guide was stuck, and even the resources of Sanaa provide no satisfactory answers.

Apparently, the building dates from the first Turkish occupation in the 16th century and definitely has Himyaritic foundations. None of these remain except the odd inscription. Presumably it was a fort and barracks established to protect Dhamar and the nearby Rada road from the warlike tribes to the east.

This alone does not explain its size, unless in troublesome times all local villagers were forced to take up their herds to the protection of the enclosure.



Well-built stone cistern at the south end of the enclosure with steps for drawing water and channels to capture run-off from outside the main walls.



At the base of Jebel Al-Lisy, village women thresh corn with the help of donkeys.

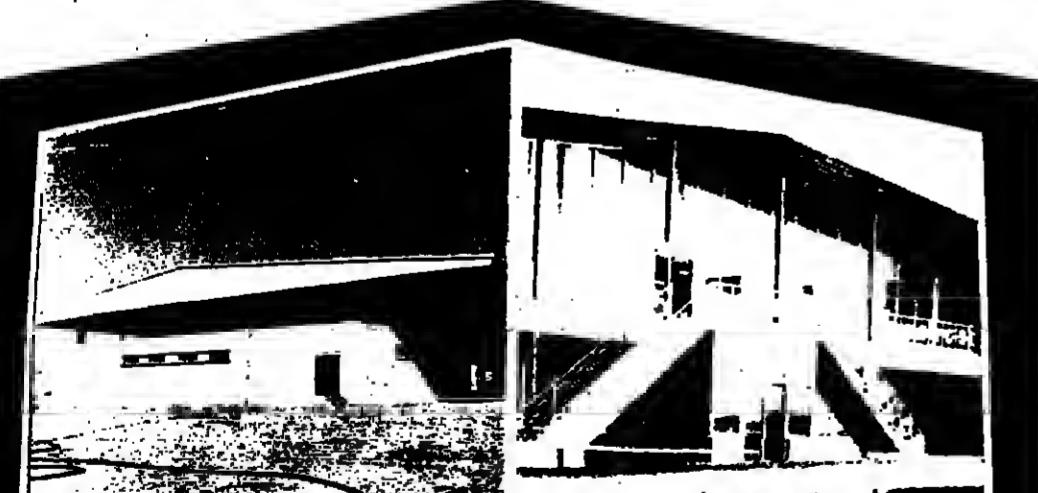
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With four-hitter and homer.

Andujar takes Houston over Expos

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (AP) — Houston pitcher Joaquin Andujar pitched a four-hitter and slugged an inside-the-park homer to deliver both runs in leading the Astros to a 2-1 victory over the Montreal Expos Tuesday.

The homer was the first by a Houston player at the astrodome since July 15, when Jose Cruz connected, and the victory was Andujar's 12th of the season — a career high.

It was also his sixth in as many

lifetime decisions against Montreal for the right-hander. Andujar gave up third-inning run when Larry Parish doubled to center, took third while Chris Speier grounded out and scored on a high bouncer to second by Lee, 10-10.

The victory kept Houston, the National League West leaders, 4½ games ahead of the Cincinnati Reds, who trimmed the Philadelphia Phillies 2-1 in 10 innings on a run-scoring double by pinch-

batter Vic Correll.

Ray Knight started the Cincinnati 10th with a single, only the third hit of the game off Steve Carlton, 11-10, and was sacrificed to second before Correll took over.

The Pittsburgh Pirates added a game to their NL East lead when they beat the San Diego Padres 7-1, while the second-place Expos were losing. Willie Stargell hit a two-run double in the first while Ed Ott started and finished Pitt-

sburgh's five-run second as Pittsburgh won its fourth consecutive game and its 15th in their last 21.

Ort started the second-inning scoring with a solo homer and capped it with an RBI single for Pittsburgh, which leads Montreal by 3½.

Bill Russell and Joe Ferguson hit two-run singles and Gary Thomasson added a two-run homer as Los Angeles used Burt Hooton's two-hit pitching with nine runs over the last three innings to beat the St. Louis Cardinals 9-0.

Lee Mazzilli hit a two-run homer and a triple and scored five times as the New York Mets crushed the Atlanta Braves 18-5.

Greg Johnston drove in two runs with his first two Major League hits — all in San Francisco's seven-run fifth inning — as the Giants pummeled the Chicago Cubs 8-2.

Joe Muncer's second homer of the game, a two-run shot in the eighth, keyed the New York Yankees' 6-5 win over the Texas Rangers.

Fred Lynn drove in six runs with two home runs and a double as the Boston Red Sox made a 12-1 rout of the Minnesota Twins.

Gorman Thomas; and Ben Oglivie hit two-run homers as the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Kansas City Royals 5-2 and a bases-loaded single in the 12th inning game gave the Baltimore Orioles a 2-1 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Jason Thompson hit a two-run homer and rookie Bruce Robbins scattered six hits over six innings as the Detroit Tigers beat the California Angels 6-3.

Standings:

National League East			
Pittsburgh	68	49	381
Montreal	63	51	353
Cincinnati	61	53	345
St. Louis	60	56	317
Philadelphia	60	58	304
New York	48	66	181
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American League East			
Baltimore	77	59	1664
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STAG PARTY : A powerful stag, who seems unafraid of people — especially those on picnic parties. He has been known to knock anglers into the lake. Photo shows Joey, sixteen-year-old stag, who roams at the head of his herd in the woods at Normandy Park, South Humberside, England.



THY THY : Little Thy-Thy, dwarfed by the British policeman, pictured outside the Prime Minister's residence — number 10 Downing Street. She went there to lobby Margaret Thatcher to support the Vietnamese Boat Children. Another 15-year-old Vietnamese girl wrote to Thatcher. She said: "Please help our people to have freedom. Please don't let us grow up without love."



SUBBUTEO CHAMP : Andrea Piccaluga from Pisa, Italy is 15 years old and has had his finger insured for \$ 55,000. He is the "undisputed" world champion of Subbuteo Table Soccer, seen in the photo demonstrating his skill. Andrea has toured Italy and, more recently, the British Isles.



WARM FISH : An amateur angler, M. Riffault, caught this enormous sunfish. Riffault, a nursery gardener, caught the fish near Le Havre, France, although sunfish are usually found in warmer waters. M. Riffault said, "I think 'e 'as 'ad 'is chips!"



PIAZZA HEAT : The tourist in the photo was caught sitting on a pillar on the steps of one of the famous fountains of Rome — the Piazza del Popolo in search of some relief from the torrid heat in Italy's capital city recently when the temperature soared to 30 degrees centigrade — (87 F).



CORVETTE SUMMER : The latest star to come out of Hollywood is this super, streamlined sportscar. Its theme of a new visual story, "Corvette Summer," which tells of a young man who is totally dedicated to the new car he created. Mark Hamill has the lead role which follows his top casting in the award winning story, "Star Wars." The car is "a marvel of technological design," experts say.

Kuwaiti insurers reject Lloyds' policy on Gulf

KUWAIT, Aug. 15 (R) — Kuwaiti insurance companies have rejected a decision by Lloyds, the London underwriters, to increase insurance costs on vessels operating in the Gulf, company officials said Wednesday.

The officials said the move by Lloyds to cover risks of "war, hijacking and taking over of ships" was unjustified and would raise shipping costs.

They said the Kuwait firms had told Lloyds they rejected the move and hoped it would revoke its decision.

On July 30 Lloyds declared the Gulf a war zone and announced it would cancel existing insurance policies on the hulls of ships

U.S. court awards \$30m to Iran

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (AP) — The U.S. Court of Appeals cleared the way Tuesday for a bank to pay \$ 30.2 million to the new Iranian government over the objection of a subsidiary of AT&T.

Japan gets Mexican oil for loan and technical aid

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 15 (AP) — President Jose Lopez Portillo has promised to sell 100,000 barrels of Mexican crude oil a day to Japan beginning in 1980, a spokesman for the Japanese embassy said Tuesday.

In exchange, Japanese Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda, who arrived in Mexico Monday, offered Mexico a \$ 500-million loan and technical assistance for the construction of ports, salt refineries, iron foundries and railroad lines, said Sbocabi Miyamoto, an embassy spokesman.

operating in the region.

A Lloyds spokesman said the action was due to prolonged and apparently continuing hostilities in the area and said new policies with a war risk premium would have to be taken out.

Representatives of Kuwaiti insurance and re-insurance companies were said to have been consulting their firms in the Gulf to adopt "a unified and deterrent stand" against Lloyds.

Government officials did not disclose what measures might be taken.

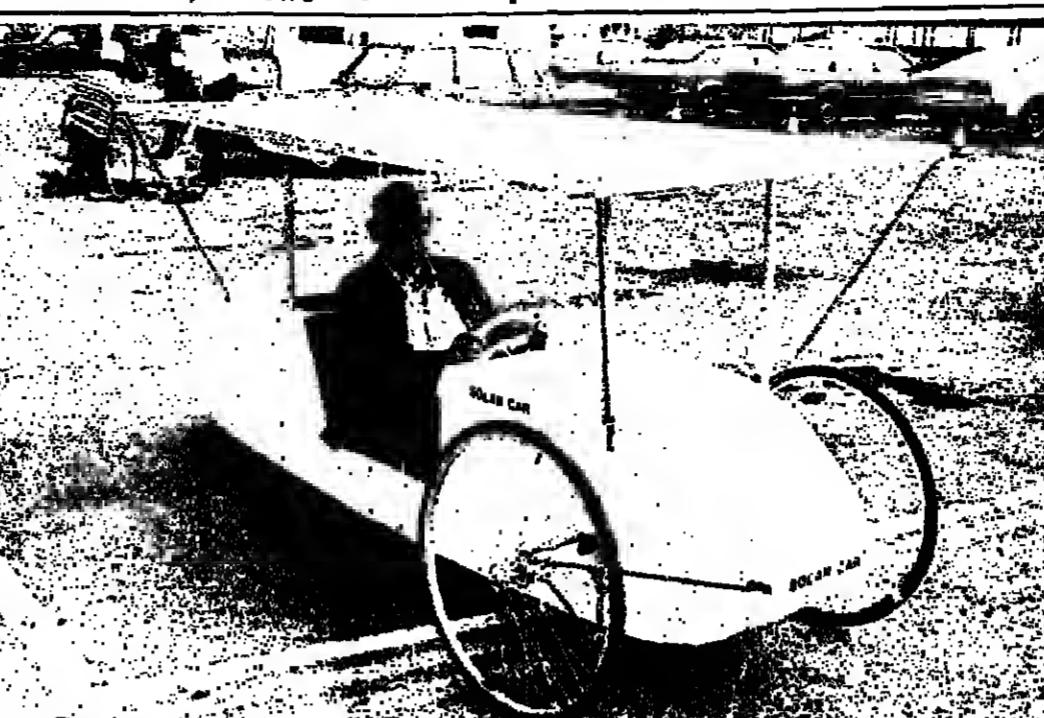
The chairman of Kuwait's Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Abu Al-Akr, has described the action by Lloyds as a

western move to exert political and economic pressure on the Gulf region.

In Baghdad, Al-Thawra, the newspaper of the ruling Baath Party, said the move amounted to political and economic blackmail.

It said: "The monopolistic companies are contributing with such measures to the dirty war against the Arabs in the commercial sphere to make fantastic gain on the pretext of ensuring protection for ships against illusory threats fabricated by imperialist quarters."

The paper added that the insurance firm's measures complemented "U.S. imperialist plans in the Arabian Gulf."



SUNSHINE DRIVE : The drive for auto economy goes on. All sorts of ideas are being tried out in order to keep the wheel turning. Alan Freeman, 66, of Rugby, England, designed the miniature car shown in the picture. At the wheel of his Sunshine Special, it is powered by silicone solar cells. It is not known how many angstroms to the cell the car is capable of, but Mr. Freeman must be confident about his car's economy performance — the picture was taken at Mallory Park, Leicester, the venue of the Shell Motor Mileage Marathon. The Freeman car did not enter the race. The whining car in the Shell Marathon achieved a record consumption figure of well in excess of 1,000 miles on a gallon of gasoline.

U.S. lags behind Europe

Mopeds join energy scramble

By Carol Knott

WASHINGTON Aug. 15 — In Europe they've been doing it for years. After World War II, moped riding became a common, economical form of transportation.

The attorney for manufacturers Hanover, Roy Reardon, said the bank's reputation would be harmed if it failed to pay on an irrevoable letter of credit.

"President Lopez Portillo promised Foreign Minister Sonoda that Mexico will export 100,000 barrels of oil daily in 1980," said the embassy spokesman.

The privilege was exercised in June by the revolutionary government which subtracted \$ 8.6 million from work which was not done by the U.S. company.

"A mile an ounce" is the rule of thumb.

The rider starts the engine by pedaling a few yards before activating the motor. Once the motor is running, it remains running while the moped is in motion or idling.

A majority of moped owners are between 25 and 54 years old, with the average age 41.4 years, according to industry statistics. One in four is female, three of four are high school graduates or better and two of three own two or more cars.

Almost 40 per cent listed mopeds as their primary mode of transport. Commuting distances are most often in the 5-to-10-mile range.

London study

A mopedaler is 16 times more likely to be involved in an injury accident than an automobile driver, according to a 1974 London study. Comparable ratios for motorists were 26 and for cyclists 12.

Injuries, however, to mopedalers may not be quite as severe as those to motorists, says Lewis Buchanan, a motorcycle safety specialist for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Mopeds range in price from \$ 350 to \$ 800. The more expensive models might have such features as a comfort-contoured seat or stainless steel bumpers. But all mopeds are required to carry federally-mandated safety equipment including headlamps,

One horsepower

The two-wheeled pedal vehicle has a single-cylinder engine rated at between 1 and 2 horsepower, less than that of the average lawn mower. It can produce speeds between 20 and 50 miles per hour. Most moped tanks hold one gallon of regular gasoline which can take them roughly 120 to as much as 200 miles.



SPEND SPEND : It is Sales time in the shops in London's West End. Crowds pack the sidewalk and cram into shops in response to the advertisers' cries of "buy, buy, buy," and "spend, spend, spend." Photo shows shoppers crowding London's Oxford Street.

Excess stocks signal possible U.S. decline

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (AP) — U.S. business inventories swelled in June by 1.3 per cent, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday, offering further evidence America may be in a recession.

June's sharp inventory rise follows a 1.1 per cent increase in May and a 1.4 per cent upsurge in April. Since June 1978, inventories have increased 12.9 per cent.

Economists watch inventories carefully to chart the direction and depth of a recession. When inventories accumulate too rapidly, businesses are compelled to cancel and delay orders. Manufacturers, in turn, cut back production and often lay off workers.

The last recession in 1973-74 was made much worse, many economists argue, because inventories grew too rapidly. "Even after the economy

turned weak in 1973, inventories continued to accumulate through the third quarter of 1973," said Jeffrey Green, an economist for Wharton Economics Forecasting Associates of Philadelphia.

The Commerce Department report showed that manufacturing, retail and merchant wholesalers inventories increased from a seasonally adjusted \$ 401.7 billion in May to \$ 406.7 billion in June.

Manufacturer inventories rose the steepest, 1.5 per cent, from \$ 211.3 billion in May to \$ 214.4 billion in June, the Commerce Department said.

Drops in sales caused much of the inventory buildup, particularly in such sectors as the auto industry. Sales there plunged 5.9 per cent in June, the Commerce Department reported, while inventories increased 1 per cent. Since June 1978, auto inventories have gone up 25 per cent.

Industrials advance at close Market firms after brisk trading

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 — Stocks showed little change on the day as the market turned positive in active trading in the afternoon hours. At the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrial Average advanced 1.45 to 876.71, Dow Jones Industrial Trading gained 1.47 to 269.58, and Dow Jones Industrial Utilities added .37 to 108.86. Volume of trading for the day was 41 million shares.

Breadth was on the positive side as advances outnumbered declines 836 to 633. The American Exchange Index rose .6 on the day to close at 204.22.

Among the energy issues, CTCI financial advanced 10 1/2 to 55 1/2, Great American Oil rose 1/2 to 9 1/2, Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 4 to 32, IBM lost 1/2 to 70 1/2, Cost Airlines gained 1/2 to 15 1/2, Standard & Poor's 500 United advanced 1 1/2 to 26 1/2, Firestone lost 1/2 to 11 1/2.

In the industrial equipment and metal sectors, Westinghouse lost 1/2 to 21 1/2, Kaiser gained 1/2 to 19 1/2, Alcan advanced 1 1/2 to 54 1/2, and Phelps Dodge rose 1/2 to 23 1/2.

Industrial stocks were mixed and little changed yesterday, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average ending at 120.46, up 1/2 point.

Goldman Sachs lost 1/2 to 12 1/2, Merrill Lynch lost 1/2 to 11 1/2, and the Toronto Stock Exchange closed at 3,259.75.

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Texas still under threat from Mexican crude spill

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, Aug. 15 (R) — Scientists said Tuesday they saw no immediate reprieve for the Texas shoreline as more patches of oil from the giant Mexican oil spill washed up on its beaches.

Winds were pushing the oil about 10 to 15 miles northwards per day the scientists said. The spill began near Tampico in Mexico 240 miles south of the U.S. border on June 3.

"I don't see any relief yet. There's a large quantity of oil moving in the Gulf below the border and it's working its way up," said John Robinson, a spokesman for a government-civilian team of pollution fighters.

Three oil patches polluted beaches at Padre Island Tuesday and eight more, none smaller than 40 yards square, were sighted 20 to 30 miles off the coast.

Scientists from various organizations, including several government bodies, said only "extremely light" particles of oil had been found in Laguna Madre waterway between the offshore Barrier Islands and the Mainland.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Rate
U.S. Dollar	3.3685
Pound Sterling	7.84
100 Deutsche Mark	184.39
Dutch Guilder	167.87
100 Swiss Franc	203.89
100 French Franc	79.14
Belgian Franc	11.63
1000 Italian Lira	4.16
100 Danish Kroner	63.80
Swedish Kroner	79.82
100 Norwegian Kroner	67.07
100 Japanese Yen	15.58
Egyptian Pound	4.69
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.22
Jordanian Dinar	11.25
Bahraini Dinar	8.88
1000 Lebanese Lira	103.86
100 Syrian Lira	86.48
100 Qatari Riyal	89.97
100 Yemeni Riyal	74.00
Emirates Dirhams	88.82
100 Indian Rupee	42.10
100 Pakistani Rupee	34.11
Southern Dinars	9.67
U.S. Dollars Banknotes	3.3675

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2 A Kamen Diamond	Ameroil S.E.A.	Fruit Fruit	13.8.79
4 E Minden Star	Star	General	8.8.79
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6 E Cher An	Albatross	General/Containers	14.8.79
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8 E Ron Zahr	Kanco	Loading Empty Containers	14.8.79
15 E Ravenefts Lash Barge	Allmax	Containers	15.8.79
17 E Ex OAK	Kanco	Fruit/General Bulk Cement	2.8.79
18 E Wind Arrow	Albatross	Bulk Cement	13.8.79
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22 E Maritime Alliance Forum Progress	Barcom	Bulk Cement	12.8.79
23 E	O. Trade	General/Tin/Tin	6.8.79
26 E Philippines Saudi I	S.A.M.A. Mexico	General/Container Ship	11.8.79
27 E Coron Forest		Loading Empty Containers	—
28 E Quatre Bay	Santoso	Containers	15.8.79
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30 E Bora Universal	S.M.C.	Fruits	13.8.79
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15 E Kara Seta Pennsylvania	Gulf	Loading Urns	16.7.79
16 E Rainbow	I.U.P.	General/Tin	15.8.79
17 E Eastern Sea	S.E.A.	Cement in Bags	2.8.79
18 E Karola (D.B.)	Almaraz	Bulk Cement	10.8.79
21 E Soto Juno	Almaraz	Containers	15.8.79
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Exchange Rates for the IMF's SDR

	August 13	August 10	August 9
US Dollar	1.3320	1.3320	1.3320
Australian Dollar	2.2447	2.2515	2.2515
Swiss Franc	1.4885	1.4865	1.4865
Italian Lira	37.327	37.345	37.345
Canadian Dollar	1.5282	1.5282	1.5282
Danish Krone	2.2022	2.2022	2.2022
Netherlands	5.5262	5.5262	5.5262
Icelandic Króna	9.8179	9.8179	9.8179
Belgian Franc	30.342	30.285	30.285
French Franc	5.0122	4.9973	4.9973
Norwegian Krone	4.7149	4.7149	4.7149
Pound Sterling	0.80812	0.80812	0.80812
Swedish Krona	4.2115	4.2025	4.2025
Japan	377.480	375.575	375.575
Yen	1.78850	1.78850	1.78850
Austria	13.228	13.228	13.228
Australia	1.12998	1.12855	1.12855
Spain	66.852	66.875	66.875

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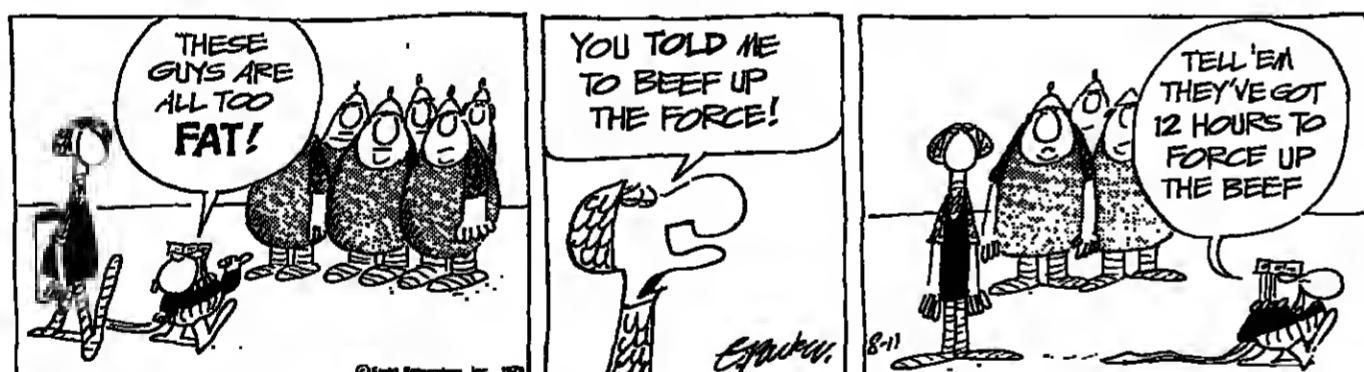


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Dennis the Menace



"She learnt that from ME."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 profane
- 5 Spanish
- 6 icy deposit
- 6 Get a new crew
- 10 Modify
- 11 Edith or Madge
- 12 Caesar's date of birth
- 13 Three comb. form
- 15 Three: comb. form
- 16 Hacienda
- 17 Blush
- 18 Possessed
- 21 Lab animal
- 22 Beryl
- 23 Pontific
- 25 Like an old joke
- 27 Savat or h-rose
- 28 J. J. Rue's w-spoon
- 29 French suit
- 30 Hamm
- 31 Knobbed
- 35 I'm out of energy
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- 2 Small intestine
- 32 Musical observatory
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- 38 Wallaba
- 39 Beak

Yesterday's Answer

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- 32 Musical observatory
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EAST

- ♦X 19 ♦A 8
- ♦S 63 ♦S 5
- ♦Q 54 ♦A J 10 8 7 6 2
- ♦Q 7 2 ♦S 6 4

SOUTH

- ♦Q 5 4 3 2
- ♦Q K Q J
- OK
- ♦A K 8 3

The bidding:

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| South | West | North | East |
| 1♦ | Pass | 2♦ | 3♦ |
| 3♦ | Pass | 4♦ | Pass |

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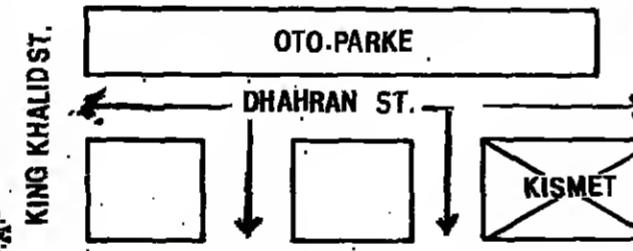
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From Jeddah to Memphis

Of sponsors, snakes

By Michael J. Hall

This past week there has been the story of the young man from India who is bicycling around the world. Over the last five years, since setting out from Calcutta at the age of 21, he's covered 50 countries and untold thousands of kilometers.

If you or I were to try the same thing, we'd undoubtedly have little to show for it but a pair of awesome leg muscles and the hard-gained knowledge of how to change a bicycle tire in any weather.

But, like many modern 'round the world travelers, young Jay Mandal has an ace in the hole. His expedition is being sponsored by Air India, and if the whole thing gets too tiresome, he can presumably hop on a jet and wing away to a friendlier clime.

These days it seems you almost have to have a sponsor willing to pick up some of the tab to do anything unusual in the way of traveling about. The blind Dutchman who recently bicycled around the world (with a sighted partner); the gent who crossed the Atlantic in the bath-tub-sized boat; and even the trio of Americans who aimed their hot air balloon across the ocean last year — all had sponsors.

Which brings me to my point. Because each trip into the streets here is a real adventure — a test of macho made all the harder by hordes of daredevil taxi drivers — getting around in Jeddah can surely be classed as something unusual in the way of traveling about.

But so far — and I'm still looking — I haven't been able to find anyone willing to sponsor my daily trek down Crown Prince Fahd Street to the office. Any takers?

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Another sad story comes this week from Australia. It seems Nick Le Souef has had to abandon one of his cherished dreams, and his name won't go into the Guinness Book of Records after all.

Le Souef was after the world's record for living in a pit full of snakes, but decided to give up his attempt after 24 days.

He spent the time living — or coexisting — with 24 deadly black, brown and copperhead snakes in an effort to break the 50-day snake-sitting record set earlier this year by South African Peter Synnans.

Le Souef's only comment after climbing out of the pit Tuesday was that he was certain he could have broken the record, but — just in case — he decided that his wife and three kids needed him more than the snakes did.

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Inventions some of us could do without department. In Massachusetts a geneticist has invented a square ear of corn, the idea being that that way it won't roll off the plate.

There's no word yet on the public's reaction to the development, but it's liable not to be overwhelming. The new ears of corn, about the size of a carrot, have only four rows of kernels.

The geneticist says he got the idea when he learned airlines won't serve corn on the cob because it might roll off the plate when the ride gets choppy.

His latest idea, however, might find a little more favor with the public. He's growing an ear of corn big enough for two.

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And then there's the report of Ukrainian woman who found her wristwatch several years after dropping it into a stream.

Her husband went fishing one day recently, and — you guessed it — caught the fish that swallowed the watch.

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From the world of entertainment — if that's the right word — comes the news that a Unionville, Pennsylvania artist — if that's the right word — has unveiled a 10-foot high fibreglass statue of Elvis Presley.

The statue will be on public display in Memphis, Tennessee, for eight days to commemorate the upcoming second anniversary of the singer's death. But after that, the statue is going to need a permanent home. And so far nobody's expressed any willingness to take in a ton of fiberglass.

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Now for a tale with a certain — well, atmosphere. Garlic farmers in the French town of Castelnau have destroyed a shipment of five tons of Spanish-grown garlic.

The farmers doused the imported stuff with gasoline, a move certain to add to its already distinctive taste. They claimed the import were lowering the market price of their home-grown product.

But on the other hand, their reasoning could have been much more prosaic. Maybe they just didn't like the smell.

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Meanwhile, in the U.S. an unnamed doctor is probably wishing he'd had a little more cents.

Seven years ago, Robert Knapp of Chicago had a gash in his hip stitched after a car crash. Last year, the hip started to hurt, and doctors who opened it up again found the cause — 16 cents Knapp was carrying in his pocket when he had the accident.

Knapp's now suing the original doctor for \$75,000. That's a lot of relief for 16 cents worth of pain.

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And finally, an apology to anglophiles who objected to the characterization of Oliver Cromwell here last week as a dictator. I'm sure he was a fine fellow, and I hope the people auctioning what is said to be his skull get a good price.

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Freak storm decimates yacht race

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The Royal Ocean Racing Club, trying to gather information on the biggest disaster in the history of international yacht racing, said that of the 306 boats involved, 93 were accounted for a safe in Irish or English ports, or under assistance at sea. It said 114 sailors, including former British Prime Minister Edward Heath, had been rescued by ships and helicopters from Britain, France and the Netherlands.

The *Tenacious*, skippered by Ted Turner, owner of the Atlanta Braves American baseball team, also was safe, according to the racing club. Turnor won the America's Cup in 1978.

Earlier, rescue officials said 17 people were feared drowned. They added Wednesday the death toll could rise but they believed most of the yachts and crews unaccounted for were in fact safe.



(Central Press photo)
CALMER DAYS: Former British Prime Minister Edward Heath waves from the wheel of his yacht in a picture taken while he was in office. Wednesday he was reported safe after a freak storm hit 300 yachts participating in a race off the English coast.

A naval rescue officer said: "A lot of these people could have gone out to deep waters until the conditions subside. Many are running without radios so we have no way of contact."

According to the British Rescue Coordination Center in Plymouth, gales reaching 70 mph lashed the Atlantic off southern England,

building mountainous waves and causing three known deaths on land, including an eight-year-old girl dragged out to sea by heavy surf.

The race, known as the Fastnet in the series for the Admiral's Cup, was limited to 57 craft, three each from 19 countries. Those yachts are in the class ranging

from 46 feet (14 meters), and owners of other yachts both larger and smaller had joined for the training or adventure.

Official entries set out Saturday from the Isle of Wight off southern England, sailed west, rounded the Fastnet Rock jutting from the sea at the southern tip of Ireland, and then headed toward the finish line of the 670-mile course off Plymouth.

The boats were strong along much of the course when the storm struck.

One of the dead was reported to be American and most of the rest British, but no information was available on the nationality of the others. The Royal Ocean Racing Club, sponsor of the big Fastnet race, reported the yachts *Aradiana*, *Trophy*, *Grimalini* and *Flashlight* lost two crew each, and *Gunslinger* and *Festina Tertia* one each.

The Royal Western Yacht Club here said *Ariadne* is an American boat.

Trophy is a British yacht.

Participants in the Fastnet race came from America, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Britain, Canada, France, West Germany, Holland, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Poland, Singapore, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

Expensive yachts crewed by some of the best sailors in the business were dismantled and overturned. "The airwaves were thick with distress calls," said an officer at the Royal Naval Air Station at Culdrose, Cornwall.

Royal Navy helicopters, lifeboats, rigs and warships pulled at least 125 sailors to safety and recovered 10 bodies Tuesday and 3 more Wednesday. They were to keep up the search overnight to locate yachts and life rafts with survivors.

The gales were reported dying down Wednesday.

The value of lost and abandoned yachts was put at 2 million pounds (\$4.5 million).

In Newport, Rhode Island Tom Eaham, staff director of the U.S. Yacht Racing Union, called Tuesday's tragic *Admiral's Cup* race the worst offshore sail-racing disaster since the union was formed in 1897.

"As far as I know," said Eaham, "there has never been a major kind of tragedy in an offshore race. There have been storms but nothing like this."

Yet in Britain at least there is a difference between the Conservatives (the gentry) and Labor (the workers.) But parties like the Republicans and the Democrats in the U.S. Social Democrats and Christian Democrats in West Germany, or the parties vying for power in the Beelarus countries, Scandinavia and Canada, are all so look-alike that a microscope is needed to discern their differences. Administrations come and go with going on the same.

In poorer countries where military takeovers are the only available means for a change in administration, this "sameness" has a tragic form. There it is a matter of the right killing the left or the left killing the right. In both the cases it is the people who get killed, only each time under a different name. History is more than generous with examples.

(Translated from Asharq Al Aawsat)

Up to 150 feared dead in Soviet airline crash

MOSCOW, Aug. 15 (R) — A Soviet airliner on a flight from the central Asian city of Tashkent to Minsk crashed in the Ukraine last weekend killing all passengers and crew, an official Soviet newspaper reported Wednesday.

Conflicting reports on the disaster from Soviet sources in Moscow said up to 150 people died in the crash and indicated that two planes might have been involved.

A senior editor of the Tashkent newspaper *Pravda Vostoka* told reporters by telephone that today's issue carried a brief announce-

ment of the disaster.

The report said the plane, which carried 17 players and officials of top Soviet soccer team, can down near the Ukrainian city of Dnipropetrovsk, killing everyone on board.

The Tashkent Pakhshak team eighth in the first division of the Soviet soccer league, were to have played a match against Minsk Dynamo on Monday.

The newspaper gave no further details of the crash and Moscovia aviation officials declined to comment.

states yet to report, Shagari has gained the required 25 per cent of the vote in 10 states.

To win on the first ballot, a candidate must not only gain the highest number of votes cast but also gain a quarter of the votes in at least two-thirds of the states.

If no clear winner emerges from the first round, a run-off between the two leading candidates will be held this Saturday.

Shagari, 54, is the youngest of the five presidential contenders and the candidate of the mainly northern-based National Party of Nigeria.

Logos Radio said Chief Obafemi Awolowo, a 70-year-old barrister and leader of the United Party of Nigeria, had received 25 per cent of the vote in six states.

Former President Nnamdi Azikiwe, a 75-year-old veteran politician who leads the Nigerian People's Party, had captured a quarter of the votes in three states.

Former minister Shagari leads in Nigerian elections

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Agencies)

With votes in from 16 of Nigeria's 19 states, former Economic Development Minister Alhaji Shehu Shagari was reported Wednesday to have a clear edge in the country's first presidential election after 13 years

of military rule.

The ballot is the last leg of a series of elections spread over six weeks to return Nigeria to parliamentary democracy. Votes were cast Saturday.

Lagos Radio, monitored in London, said that with only three

Armed men hijacked buses in East Belfast and in Newry, 44 miles to the south.

No injuries or deaths were reported Tuesday in the province. Since British troops arrived to keep feuding Protestants and Catholics apart, 301 soldiers, 129 policemen and women, 93 militia and 1,414 civilians have been killed.

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Independence day speech

Reddy warns of Indian national crisis

NEW DELHI, Aug. 15 (Agencies) — President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy has said India is in a state of crisis and called for a national reconciliation.

In a nationwide broadcast on the eve of the 32nd anniversary of the country's independence, Reddy said, "History will censure us if we do not act with foresight, goodwill and courage in this hour of national crisis."

The president, who made indirect references to the current political turmoil in India and also to communal violence, said the time had come for a national reconciliation.

But with six days before parliament reopens and the new prime minister, Charan Singh, seeks a vote of confidence, government and opposition parties remain bitterly opposed.

Reddy said he did not want to point an accusing finger at any political party. But he said moral standards in public life were deteriorating and added, "Never since independence have principles been compromised and the basic values of life treated with such contempt."

Reddy said India was passing through a "crisis of character." He

added: "Why do we seek to wilfully damage, if not destroy, this great country and the secular democratic way of life so dear to our hearts?"

"This is no time for mutual recrimination or equally barren destructive criticism. Indeed this is the time and opportunity for national reconciliation."

In India, presidential speeches to parliament are written by the government in power but as far as could be learned the Singh cabinet did not clear Reddy's sharply worded yet vague broadcast to the nation.